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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Amitava Guha and William D. Nielsen, Jr.
Serial No.: 09/387,894
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RENEWED PETITION UNDER C.F.R. §1.181 TO WITHDRAW
ERRONEOUS HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

On or about June 2, 2003, Applicant submitted a petition to have the erroneous holding of abandonment in this case withdrawn on the basis that Applicant had, indeed, timely responded to the requirement to submit formal drawings.

In telephone conversations with Mr. Lamont Newsome of the USPTO's Publication Branch, Applicant has now learned that the requirement not responded to was set forth in an office action purportedly mailed by the office on March 11, 2003.

Upon checking, it has now been determined that this office action was never received in the offices of the undersigned's law firm. In this connection, attached is a copy of the firm's

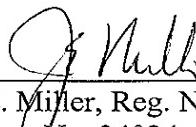
docket sheet for April 10, 2004, the date on which a response to the office action of March 11, 2003, would have been due. In addition, the undersigned confirms that a review of the contents of the firm's file of this application also reveals that this office action was not received.

Since Applicant could not have responded to an office action never received, Applicant requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, the office action of March 11, 2003, remailed, and the period for responding to the new office action restarted with its new mailing date. In addition, Applicant further requests that the petition fee included with the previously-filed petition to withdraw erroneous holding of abandonment be refunded to Applicant.

It is believed that no additional fees are due with this Petition. However, if any fees are due in this matter, please charge Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept 9, 02


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